And, as you are a king, speak in your state \—
What I have done, that misbecame my place,
My person, or my liege's ^sovereignty.
KING. You are right, justice, and you weigh this
well:
Therefore still bear the balance, and the sword :
And I do wish your honours may increase,
Till you do live to see a son of mine
Offend you, and obey you, as I did*
So shall I live to speak my father's words ;—
Happy am /, *that have a man so bold,*
That dares do justice on my proper son :
And not less happy, having such a son,
That would deliver up his greatness so
Into the hands of justice.—You did commit me[2]:
For which, I do commit into your hand
The unstained sword that you have ns'd to bear:
With this remembrance[8], — That you use the
same
With the like bold, just, and impartial spirit,
As you have done 'gainst me. There is my hand:
You shall be as a father to my youth :
My voice shall sound as you do prompt mine ear;
And I will stoop and humble my intents
-To your well-practis'd, wise directions.
And, princes all, believe me, I beseech you;—
[1] My father is gone wild[4] into his grave,

[1] —in your STATE,] In your regal character and office, not
with the passion of a man interested, but with the impartiality of
a legislator. JOHNSON.

[2] —You did commit me, &c.] So^ in the play on this sub-
ject, antecedent to that of Shakspeare:
*c You sent me to the Fleet; and for revenge ment.
" 1 have chosen you to be the protector
ft Over my realm." STEEVENS.

3 —remembrance,] That is, admonition, JOHNSON-

4 My father is gone WILD —-] Mr, Pope, by substituting
tuail'd for *wild,* without sufficient consideration* afforded Mr
•Theobald much matter of ostentatious triumph JOHNSON*
The meaning is-fMy [*wild* dispositions having ceased on my